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In order to simplify issues for appeal of the final rejection issued against the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks, which are being filed concomitantly with their Amended Appeal Brief.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this communication.